



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
March 28, 2023
Closed Session 6:00 p.m. / Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Joe Nava, President; Mr. Gary Knackstedt, Vice-President; Ms. Sherry Alexander, Clerk; Dr. Rommel Bal; Mr. Courtney Porter; and Mr. Jeff Stroh

Board Member Absent: Mrs. Susan Macfarlane

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

Meeting Recorder: Mrs. Michelle Armstrong, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA, and broadcast on YouTube.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Michelle Ono, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Larson Elementary School, commented on Lodi Pupil Personnel Association's recent negotiation proposal and possible solutions to attract and retain qualified SLPs.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and President Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Nava reported the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Personnel Matters

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Yasmeen Herrera as Elementary Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	Macfarlane	
Abstain:	None	Motion carried

Ms. Alexander moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jeff Pappas as Elementary Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	Macfarlane	
Abstain:	None	Motion carried

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve claim #618735, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh
Noes: None
Absent: Macfarlane
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Mr. Nava stated that at the February 21, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, there was an error in the reporting out of action taken regarding Claim #616507. The Board voted to accept in part and deny in part by a vote of 4:2. The motion was made by Mr. Knackstedt and seconded by Mr. Stroh.
Ayes: Ms. Alexander, Mr. Knackstedt, Mr. Nava, Mr. Stroh, and Noes: Mrs. Macfarlane, Mr. Porter.

Recognition

Presentation of Resolution to Superintendent from Office of Congressman Josh Harder.
Briana Gonzalez, District Representative from Congressman Josh Harder’s office, presented the Congressional Record to Superintendent Washer for her service to the District and community.

Superintendent’s Report

Associate Superintendent Young spoke about the upcoming Lodi USD and GOT Kids Spring Art Show taking place on April 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum, Barn. He announced there are only thirteen elementary teacher vacancies for the 2023/2024 school year and with the approaching Certificated Job Fair on Thursday, March 30, it should only get better. Mr. Young reported that on December 14, 2022, staff held a meeting with teachers who were interested in becoming administrators. He stated that from the group of twenty-two teachers, the District has hired four new administrators. Mr. Young announced that Dr. Bal is no longer a provisional appointee and is now officially the appointee for Lodi USD, Trustee Area 6.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School and Ms. McKenna Anderson, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from the Public

Bryant Hernandez, Parent, Westwood Elementary School, spoke about the difficulties of enrolling his special education child into kindergarten.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

No public comments were received.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Contracts List
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Resolution 2023-22 Authorizing Certain Employees to Sign Orders Drawn on School District Funds
- Item A-4 Resolution 2023-23 Approval of Rainforth Grau Architects for Portable Installation and Lunch Shelter at Victor Elementary School
- Item A-5 Resolution 2023-24 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Lawrence Elementary School Fencing Replacement, Project No. 8150-5830-4

- Item A-6 Resolution 2023-25 Approval of Architect Agreement for Davis Elementary School Modernization Site Project
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-26 Approval of Architect Agreement for Washington Elementary School Modernization Site Project
- Item A-8 Resolution 2023-27 Approval of Architect Services Agreement for Nichols Elementary School Modernization Site Project
- Item A-9 Resolution 2023-28 Bear Creek High School Agricultural Science Classrooms Project No. 0819-8019
- Item A-10 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023
- Item A-11 Minutes of the Study Session of March 14, 2023

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh
Noes: None
Absent: Macfarlane
Abstain: None Motion carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-68
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-69
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-8-70
- Item B-4 Readmission: Student # 21/22-8-39

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh
Noes: None
Absent: Macfarlane
Abstain: None Motion carried

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Approval to File Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions

Mr. Kahn presented the J-13A form for Board consideration.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Approval to File Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh
Noes: None
Absent: Macfarlane
Abstain: None Motion carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-2 Assembly Bill 181 and California Education Code 3988.1 Transportation Plan

Mr. Kahn explained the Transportation Plan has two additional documents included in the plan, the parent and student poll, and the California School Employee Association letter to the superintendent. He stated by filing the report, the District could possibly earn approximately \$900,000 next year.

Ms. Alexander asked if any changes or new routes were added to the plan.

Mr. Kahn explained it depends on the day and how many drivers are available.

Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi, Chapter #77

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Assembly Bill 181 and California Education Code 3988.1 Transportation Plan, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh

Noes: None

Absent: Macfarlane

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-3 Approval of the Primary Mascot Logo for Parklane Elementary School

Mr. Young presented the updated logo for Parklane Elementary for Board consideration.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-3 Approval of the Primary Mascot Logo for Parklane Elementary School, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh

Noes: None

Absent: Macfarlane

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Allen Dosty, Principal, Bear Creek High School (Successor Assistant Superintendent, Personnel), presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Stroh moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve Personnel Matters, by the following vote:

Ayes: Alexander; Bal; Knackstedt; Nava; Porter; Stroh

Noes: None

Absent: Macfarlane

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Report

Proposed Special Education Restructure to Align with Lodi USD Educational Services Areas

Paul Warren, Area Director, Student Services/SELPA, proposed to collapse one of the four regional coordinator positions and create a director position to better align the needs of the department and District. He stated that the change will improve program oversight and site support for administrators, teachers, and high school athletics.

Ms. Alexander asked if a program specialist is being dropped and if their roles are changing.

Mr. Warren stated that it was a mistake in the diagram and that their roles will be very similar.

Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, stated she is thrilled to hear there are only thirteen unfilled elementary teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year. She spoke about LEA being a part of the interview process when hiring new teachers.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Knackstedt spoke about the recent school shooting and requested a report be given on what Lodi USD is doing to keep kids safe.

Ms. Alexander welcomed everyone back to the fourth quarter and commended the schools who took part in Read Across America. She spoke about her recent visit to Needham School and having the 2nd graders read to her.

Mr. Porter commented about the parent who spoke tonight on the issues with trying to get his special education kindergartner registered and would like an email to go out quickly to rectify the issues.

Mr. Nava requested a debrief on the GOT Kids Crab Feed.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Young had no further comments.

Board Member Advisory Reports

Mr. Knackstedt spoke about the Budget Advisory Committee.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board